THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE , DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE » MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATl STJSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The information is being collected an'd will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The sate Electricity Boards have been advised to draw up "Action Plans" to improve their operations and financial performance with a view to achieve tho prescribed 3 per cent surplus as per requirements contained in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(c) No, Sir. '

Manufacture of Polyester filament yarn by M/s. Reliance Industries Limited

1530. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minis er of INDUSTRY be pleas- ed to state:

(a) what was the original date of Reliance Industries Limited for manufacture of polyes!er filament yarn and what were subsequent amendments;

(b) what was the licensed capacities for production originally given to Reliance Industry and what was the enhancement under the endorsement scheme-

(c) what Ire the details regarding the change of the location, production capacity and the base denierage for which Reliance have asked in their amended industrial licence application; and

(d) what is RIL's production of Polyes-ter Filament Yarn during the last three years till 31st March, 1987 together with the approved licensed capacities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. IAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) On 17th Augus', 1981 M/s. Reliance Industries Lt'd. were issued an industrial licence for manufacture of Po'yester Filament Yarn for a capacity of 10.000 tonnes/ annum. Under the re-endorsement scheme the capacity was enhanced to 25.125 ron-nes/annurri on 15th November, 1984.

(c) M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. initially applied for location in Gujarat. Subsequently they applied for location at Maharashtra. The base denierage for which amended application was made is 40

(d) The production of Polyester Eila-'ment Yarn 'during the last three years as reported'by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. wag as follows:

Tonnes {Approx)

1984-85 . . . ' .	20,400
1985-86	24,200.
1986-37	30,400

Compensation to the Bhopal Gas Tragedy victims *r*

1531. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dependents of the deceased in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy have not been paid the compensation as yet; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF-CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH)': (a) and (b) Gov-ernment have fileU a suit against Union Carbide Corporation claiming compensation for the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy. The proceedings of the case are in progress an,j !he case is being pursued vigorously. •

Taking site on lease by Indian Oil Corporation

1532. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOG-LAPPA KUSHNOOR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporaion has taken a site on lease near Railway Station, Bidar (Karnataka) and the same has been subleased to one Indian

Oil dealer in Bidar; if so, since how many years he is in possession of this site;

(b) what** are [he details of the rent fixed per month for payment of the rent and since how m'any years, the rent has not been paid;

(c) what action has been taken to re-' cover the amount f:om the dealer:

(d) whether any eviction proceedings have been started against the dealer; and

(e) if so, when did the proceedings start 'and what is the present stage of the proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM* AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT):. (a) Yes, Sir. Since the 21st March; 1964'till the 24th November, 1980, 2585 sq. ft. of land and since then 5500 sq. ft. of land has been in the possession of the dealer of IOC in Bidar.

(b) The rent fixed by the Railways for the land was Rs. 1103/- from the 21st March, 1964 and wa_s Rs. 10219|- from *[* the 1st J'anuary, 1982. The rent to the Railways has been paid upto the 31st December, 1985 by IOC.

(c) t_0 (e) Eviction proceedings w°re ini'iated in September 1986 by IOC against the dealer as well as for. recovery of the arrears of rent, through the Estate Officer.

New techniques for drilling in West Bengal

1533. **SHRI** DINKARRAO GOVIND-RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new technique for oil in off-shore drilling in West Bengal is proposed to be used; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE .MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Normal drilling practices based on the latest technologies are being followed to drill the offshore wells off the coast of West Bengal.

Mass deputation, of executives of Oil India Limited

1534. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND^-NATURAL GAS be pleased _to state:

(a) whether it is $_a$ fact that 117 exe cutives of the Oil India Limited have recently applied for deputation to another sector oil company;

(b) if ss, what are the m'ain reasons for such a mass of applications for transfer; and

(c) what are the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) 170 executives of Oil India Limited have applied for deputation to another public Sector oil company. •

(b) The main reasons may be **a** desire for a change in location, bettering .career prospects and other personal reasons.

(c) A representation of the Govt, of India held discussions with the representa tives of State Govt., OIL and AASU on the 8th and 31st January, 1987 at Dispur regarding the agitation by AASU. Further [he Management of OIL has also initial.'!' ions with the State Govt. ofTicals and students' representatives. Govt, of India have also written to the Govt, of Assam in the matter.